

Proclamation

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence remains an intolerable, violent crime that dramatically degrades Navy mission readiness; and

Whereas, sexual assault is an affront to the Navy Core Values we support, defend, and live by, as proud Sailors and civilians of today's Navy; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims and those who provide victim advocacy, and ensure they are provided the critical support needed to survive sexual violence; and

Whereas, we create a culture where every Sailor will intervene when witnessing acts of sexual violence and those behaviors leading to sexual violence; and

Whereas, we will "Live Our Values" and be successful in reducing sexual violence within the Navy Reserve with continued education, awareness training, and holding perpetrators of sexual assault responsible for their actions; and

Whereas, Navy Reserve strongly supports the tireless efforts of national, state, and local partners to include citizens engaged in the prevention, awareness and response efforts surrounding sexual violence whose goals are to eliminate sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, ROBIN R. BRAUN, VICE ADMIRAL UNITED STATES NAVY, CHIEF OF THE NAVY RESERVE, AND CJ MITCHELL, FORCE MASTER CHIEF, UNITED STATE NAVY, NAVY RESERVE FORCE MASTER CHIEF do hereby proclaim April 2014 as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and call upon all Navy Reserve personnel to commit themselves to the elimination of this crime within our ranks.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the
Great Seal of the United States Navy
Reserve to be hereunto affixed Given
under my hand at Washington, DC this
first day of April in the year of our Lord
Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Robin R. Braun
Vice Admiral, United States Navy
Chief of Navy Reserve

CJ Mitchell
Force Master Chief, United States Navy
Navy Reserve Force Master Chief